

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana
August 5, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5, 2014, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Mike Jones, Pat Thyen, Gary Moeller, Linda Kahle, Beth Seidl, Kyle Rupert, Selena Vonderheide, Becky Beckman and Sherry Monesmith. **Commission Members Absent:** Robin Norris and Becky Hickman. **Staff Members Present:** Kit Miracle, Karen Grewe, Emily Colucci and Donna Schepers. **City Attorney:** Renée Kabrick **Guests in attendance:** Candy Neal, Matt Crane and Bethany Boeglin. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sherry Monesmith moved to approve the minutes of the July meeting. **Selena Vonderheide** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

City Financial Statement

Gary Moeller moved to approve the claims and financial statement as presented. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director's Report/Performing Arts

Kit reported.

- The City Council approved the budget with the exception of the phone system. Hopefully, this will be added when the city upgrades its entire phone system.
- Kit passed around the Astra Business Plan. This was given to the City Council at the budget meeting. They were very complimentary of it. Becky stated that an excellent job was done in putting it together.
- Discussion of rental versus free building usage took place. Several requests have come in to use the Arts Center at no cost. Kit reviewed the three tiers of rental rates. The Arts Center is not a free venue; we have to draw the line somewhere. The board supported the Arts Center staff in staying with the rental rate structure that is in place.
- Kit thanked Bethany, our summer intern, for all her help this summer with various projects, especially the Strassenfest float.

Building and Structure Report

Kit reported for Doreen.

- Chiller is working.

Education Report

Donna reported.

- She will be meeting with principals in the upcoming weeks.
- Pop Up painting class was very successful. The class was full, 18 participants.

Visual Arts Report

Emily reported.

- It was a busy week. The Strassenfest float turned out great.
- Plein Air workshop went over very well. Bill Borden was a great instructor.
- ARTventures ended in July. We had a good number of classes that made it this summer.
- The Fall art class schedule is almost complete. 10 classes will be offered so far for adults and students.
- Juried Show will be the September exhibit. Approximately 30 artists were chosen to display work.

Project Coordinator Report

Kit reported.

- The float won the Parade Marshall's award. Kit thanked all the volunteers for their help with all the Strassenfest activities. Gary said congratulations for the Arts being the theme of the Strassenfest this year. Thanked the staff for all their years of hard work.
- Mike thanked Corina and her committee for all their hard work.

Old Business

- Gary asked about ticket sales. Kit responded the numbers are very comparable to last year at this time. Last year the New Directions Series was the big seller early. This year the Traditional Series is the early big seller.

New Business

- Discussion about downtown Arts space and possible shared space with the library ensued. Both boards feel more information is needed before any planning money is spent.
- Sherry congratulated ACT on a job well done with *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Adjournment

Gary Moeller moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Mike Jones

Attested